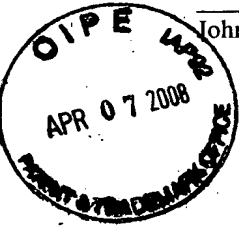


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : OKAMOTO et al.  
Serial No. : 10/550,252  
Filed : September 21, 2005  
For : HIGH-STRENGTH HOT-ROLLED STEEL SHEET  
EXCELLENT IN HOLE EXPANDABILITY AND  
DUCTILITY AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2007 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on March 4, 2008 was set. The extended period expires effectively on April 4, 2008.

Please charge the extension fee of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) for a one (1) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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